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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" These matters are within the competence of the Collector and the Board of Revenue; but as the hon. Member presses for the information I will obtain it for him. "

Land Revenue Administration

Distribution of lands in Vavveru reserve, Nellore district, to the depressed classes.

* 481 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the distribution of land in Vavveru reserve, in Nellore district, to the depressed classes is;

(*b*) whether the Government are contemplating to sell those lands in public auction; and

(*c*) at what stage the proposal to provide irrigation facilities to that area is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The land will be sold to members of the depressed classes at its market value after the excavation of the Vavveru channel and branches from the Kanigiri reservoir and the purchase price will be recovered in ten equal annual instalments without interest.

(*c*) The Government have approved an estimate amounting to Rs. 41,300 for the work and the provision of funds for it will be considered in framing the Budget for 1932–33.

Publication of the proposals of the Committee appointed to frame amendments to the Madras Estates Land Act.

* 482 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether committees consisting of members of the Legislative Council and others appointed to propose amendments in 1922 and 1924 to the Madras Estates Land Act, submitted any reports or made any proposals;

(*b*) who were the members of the two committees;

(*c*) how long the committees worked;

(*d*) the expenditure incurred in connexion with the committees;

(*e*) whether the Government made use of the reports or proposals of the committees in drafting Bill No. 12 of 1931;

(*f*) whether the reports or the proposals were published; and

(*g*) if not, whether the Government will publish the reports or proposals of the committees?

A.—(*a*) No report was submitted by either of the committees. But their discussions and final decisions on the several amendments to the Estates Land Act are contained in the minutes of their meetings held from time to time. The decisions of the Committee of 1922 have not been separately abstracted; but those of the Committee of 1924 have been abstracted and tabulated.

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(*b*) The Committee of 1922 was an informal one convened by the then Law Member, the late Sir K. Srinivasa Ayyangar. The following took part in the deliberations of the Committee:—

1. The hon. Sir K. Srinivasa Ayyangar, Law Member (*President*).
2. The Zamindar of Pudur.
3. M.R.Ry. V. Ramadoss Pantulu Garu.
4. The Raja of Parlakimedi. Later, on his withdrawal from the Committee, M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib G. Venkataranga Rao Garu, Secretary, Madras Landholders' Association, took his place.
5. M.R.Ry. (now the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur) B. Muniswami Nayudu Garu, M.L.C.

The Committee constituted in 1924, as it finally stood in 1927, consisted of the following:—

1. The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar, K.C.I.E. (the then Law Member), *Chairman*.
2. P. L. Moore, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.
3. M.R.Ry. T. R. Venkatarama Sastriyar Avargal, C.I.E. (the then Advocate-General, Madras).
4. Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo, M.L.C.
5. M.R.Ry. A. Krishnaswami Ayyar Avargal, High Court Vakil, Mylapore (present Advocate-General).
6. M.R.Ry. K. Jagannatha Ayyar Avargal, High Court Vakil, Madras.
7. M.R.Ry. P. Venkataramana Rao Avargal, High Court Vakil, Madras.
8. M.R.Ry. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar Avargal, M.L.C., High Court Vakil.
9. The Raja of Parlakimedi.
10. J. M. Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor, Nellore.
11. M.R.Ry. S. Raja Rajeswara Setupati Avargal, Raja of Ramnad.
12. The Secretary, Madras Landholders' Association.
13. M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib K. A. Vedanayaga Tevar Avargal, President, Usilampatti Taluk Board, Madura.
14. M.R.Ry. V. Raghunatha Reddi of Tsadum, Punganur division, Chittoor.
15. M.R.Ry. M. Narasimham Pantulu, Deputy Collector.

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16. M.R.Ry. N. Koilpillai Avargal, Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue.
17. The Kumararaja of Venkatagiri, M.L.C.
18. M.R.Ry. T. M. Krishnaswami Ayyar Avargal, High Court Vakil, Madras.
19. M.R.Ry. B. Satyanarayana Pantulu Garu, High Court Vakil, Madras.
20. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur T. Raghavayya Pantulu Garu, C.S.I., Secretary to the Committee.

(*c*) The informal Committee of 1922 held in all nine meetings in October 1922. The Committee constituted in June 1924 concluded its labours in May 1927.

(*d*) The only item of expenditure incurred on account of the committees was the travelling allowance paid to the non-official members from the mufassal who attended the meetings of committees. The information required is not available as travelling allowance bills are retained only for a period of three years.

(*e*) The views of the committees on the several amendments to the Act were made use of in drafting the Bill.

(*f*) & (*g*) As already stated in answer to clause (*a*), no reports were submitted to the Government by either of the committees; and the Government do not consider it necessary to publish the proceedings of the committees.

Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—"With reference to clause (*f*) of the answer, may I ask the hon. Member to state why the report of the Committee cannot be published?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The hon. Member refers to a report which does not exist. The question whether a summary of the decisions of the Committee and the recommendations that it would probably have made should be laid before the Select Committee will receive the consideration of Government."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, with reference to (*d*), whether the information will not be available from the Account Books with the Government?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I am afraid, not."

Modification of the rules regarding grant of permission to take water for second crop irrigation in Bhimavaram Revenue division.

* 483 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the principles hitherto in force in regard to the grant of permission to take water for a second crop also in the case of single crop wet lands of Bhimavaram Revenue division, West Godavari district; and